

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Joint Application of Verizon Communications Inc. ("Verizon") and MCI, Inc. ("MCI") to Transfer Control of MCI's California Utility Subsidiaries to Verizon, Which Will Occur Indirectly as a Result of Verizon's Acquisition of MCI.

Application 05-04-020
(Filed April 21, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
DENYING MOTION TO STRIKE CERTAIN EXHIBITS**

Verizon Communications Inc. and MCI, Inc. (Applicants) move to strike certain exhibits attached to opening briefs by Qwest Communications Corporation (Qwest), the Office of Ratepayer Advocates, The Utility Reform Network, and the Disability Rights Advocates. Applicants argue that these exhibits are not discovery responses (as originally proposed by Qwest) and constitute sur-rebuttal testimony not contemplated by the Administrative Law Judge's Ruling of September 12, 2005, regarding exhibits attached to briefs.

The motion is denied. The September 12 ruling did not specifically exclude the types of exhibits at issue here. However, the motion to strike raises substantive objections to these exhibits, and those objections will go to the weight to be given to these documents.

IT IS RULED that Applicants' Joint Motion to Strike Certain Exhibits to Certain Intervenor Opening Briefs is denied; however, the objections to these exhibits will go to the weight to be given to these documents.

Dated September 30, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Glen Walker

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Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Denying Motion to Strike Certain Exhibits on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated September 30, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen

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